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NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

The Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated February 2, 2001 (copy enclosed), indicates that the drawings filed with the above-identified U.S. patent application were not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because the drawing sheets did not have the appropriate margins.

Applicant submits herewith 11 sheets of substitute drawings (Figs. 1-15) containing the appropriate margins, each sheet having a top margin of at least 2.5 cm (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm (3/8 inch).

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Applicant is of the opinion that no fee is due in connection with the submission of the enclosed substitute drawings. However, if it is determined that a fee is due, please charge any fees (other than an issue fee) required during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

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